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Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the above-identified application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph bridging page 6 and page 7 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

A' In the present invention, the first hole is not formed over the entire surface of the platen but locally at a position corresponding to the top end of a recording material when data are recorded on the recording medium without leaving a margin on the top end. A positioning-function section for holding the recording material in position is left in the area on the surface of the platen opposite the recording head. When data are recorded on the recording medium without leaving a margin on the top end of the recording medium, the ink squirted outside the top end is guided to the first hole. The recording material is firmly held in position relative to the recording head. In a case where data are recorded on the recording medium without leaving a margin on